

I strongly urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. It is obvious that satellite radio represents a clear threat to the usual terrestrial broadcasters on the AM and FM bands. Rather than competing with better programming the broadcasters behind the NAB petition wish to limit the ability of XM Satellite Radio from providing a traffic and weather service. How does this differ from providing news items from the same local areas? The FCC has to remember that WE are the listening public. I listen to AM, FM, and XM radio and I want the ability to hear weather and traffic information on XM if I so choose. I implore the FCC not to cave in to powerful, entrenched AM and FM broadcaster's interests. XM Satellite Radio is a breath of fresh air and will hopefully motivate AM and FM broadcasters to improve their programming. Please do not stifle competition by preventing XM radio from offering weather and traffic information.